

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the abstract with the following paragraph:

The invention is directed to a method of packaging azithromycin which limits the degradation products of azithromycin upon storage. The method comprises storing of azithromycin in a gas impermeable package made of at least one sheet of gas impermeable material, wherein after storage, azithromycin degradation products do not exceed 5% by weight of azithromycin.